

**MINUTES OF THE
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
TELEPHONIC BOARD MEETING
2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 21, 2007
Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)
Executive Conference Room 141
206 South 17th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85007**

The State Transportation Board met in official session for a Telephonic Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 21, 2007, with Chairman Joe Lane presiding. Other Board members present included: Delbert Householder, Felipe Zubia, Bob Montoya, Bobbie Lundstrom and Si Schorr. Bill Feldmeier was absent. Also present were Director Victor Mendez, Richard Travis, Dale Buskirk and Ron Aschenbach.

ADOT Air Quality Resolution for Implementation of the MAG PM-10 5% Plan

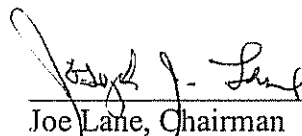
Dale Buskirk reminded board members that a presentation was made at the last board meeting and a copy of the resolution was given to each board member. The resolution commits the Arizona Department of Transportation to a number of new control measures and they are detailed in an attachment. Staff recommends approval of the resolution. If passed and approved, it will be submitted for MAG for inclusion in their 5% PM-10 reduction plan.

Board Action: A motion to approve the above recommendation was made by Mr. Schorr, seconded by Mr. Householder and passed unanimously.

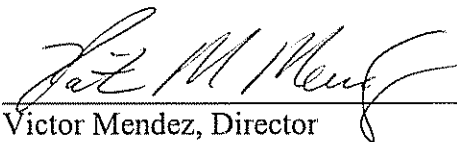
ADJOURN

Board Action: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lane, seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.



Joe Lane, Chairman
State Transportation Board



Victor Mendez, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation

**MINUTES OF THE
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
STUDY SESSION II
12:10 p.m., Friday, August 17, 2007
City of Avondale Council Chambers
11465 West Civic Center Drive
Avondale, AZ 85323**

The State Transportation Board met in official session for Study Session II at 12:10 p.m., Friday, August 17, 2007, with Chairman Joe Lane presiding. Other Board members present included: Bill Feldmeier, Delbert Householder, Felipe Zubia and Si Schorr. Bob Montoya and Bobbie Lundstrom were absent. Also present were Director Victor Mendez, Richard Travis, Doug Forstie, Barclay Dick, Gail Lewis, Don Mauller, Lynn Sugiyama, Ron Aschenbach, Doug Nintzel, Dan Lance, Matthew Burdick, Sam Maroufkhani, Tim Tait, LeRoy Brady, Bill Hayden and Barry Crockett. There were approximately 10 people in the audience.

I-10 widening video presentation from SR 51 to Baseline Rd.

Bridge update

Sam Elters reported there are 4,700 bridges in Arizona. There are 44 bridges classified as structurally deficient and can include the need for surface repairs. This does not mean the bridge is not safe. There are 133 functionally obsolete bridges. Three bridges are steel deck truss bridges and include Hell Canyon Bridge on SR 89, Gila River Bridge at Guthrie SR 191 and Little Colorado River Bridge at Cameron SR 89. Hell Canyon Bridge is not in the program and is in the process of being inspected. Gila River Bridge had a contract awarded to replace the bridge and build connections to it. The Little Colorado River Bridge is in the program for replacement in 2012. Requests will be made in the future to increase the amount allocated. These bridges are not unsafe. ADOT bridges are inspected every two years. Bridge inspectors rate every component of a bridge using stringent standards developed by FHWA and AASHTO. Arizona's bridges have annually rated among the top in the nation. Assessment of ADOT bridges are under way to comply with the Governor's Order. A report will be developed on highly traveled bridges in Phoenix and Tucson areas and given to the Governor on September 7, 2007. A meeting with county and local engineers will be held this month to discuss bridge inspection programs. An incident occurred on Loop 202 Red Mountain freeway in Mesa on August 9 during a construction phase. Nine of 11 girders in one particular span fell off of the pier caps in this early phase of construction still on target to complete on time. There were no injuries. ADOT initiated an independent investigation to determine the cause.

I-10 bypass study update

Dale Buskirk presented a schedule that details the activities to be conducted in the study and the anticipated time frames. The study is scheduled to be completed in December. Other studies have been reviewed. Alternative corridors have been preliminarily identified. Two rounds of stakeholder interviews have been completed. Public meetings have been held. Demand forecasting has begun. It's anticipated to make a presentation to the Board in a study session in September or October. After the presentation and with the concurrence of the Board, it is hoped to share the preliminary findings with the regional planning partners. A second round of public meetings will then be held. At the May public meetings, comments were solicited for potential corridors, potential problems and suggestions for others. One activity was to refine the number of potential corridors to focus technical analysis on

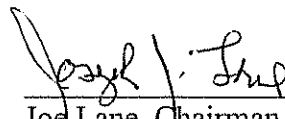
those with greatest chance of feasibility. Criteria included preserved lands, protected lands, land ownership, threatened and endangered species and urban development, entitled lands and parks. To ascertain the need for the facility, a traffic forecast was done. Drafts of three working papers were presented to the Technical Advisory Committee and are in the process of being further reviewed. Working Paper Number One is the introduction and includes the origin of the study, the process, previous and ongoing studies, growth scenarios and purpose and need. Working Paper Number Two includes existing and future conditions and Working Paper Number Three includes potential new corridors. The draft papers should be finalized within the next month for final review by the Technical Advisory Committee.

I-17 alternative study update


Dale Buskirk reported that this study is to determine if there is a need for an alternative corridor for I-17 and if so, are there feasible alternatives. The project schedule was shared and includes a notice to proceed in April 2007 with study duration of approximately one year. The study is on schedule. A number of candidate corridors were identified and were presented to the public and stakeholders. The process began for refining the corridor alternatives to be analyzed in greater depth. The first round of public meetings were held in late May and June. Generally the public was supportive and provided input on candidate corridors. A meeting is scheduled to discuss this effort along with the two DCRs. Currently, the purpose is to evaluate the feasibility of providing alternate routes to I-17 that would meet future corridor travel demand requirements, enhance operational and safety conditions, and improve overall reliability of the corridor. A number of needs were identified and include travel demand, capacity, mountainous terrain and high truck volumes, accident potentials, delays associated with congestion, crashes, no practical alternates and additional consequences due to travel delays. Some of the primary considerations include provide connectivity to the MAG Regional Freeway System, avoid or minimize severe terrain features, avoid environmentally sensitive features, minimize private land impacts, provide for frequent interconnection to existing I-17, provide service to growth areas accessing I-17 and enhance state highway system continuity.

ADJOURN

The second study session was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.



Joe Lane, Chairman
State Transportation Board



Victor Mendez, Director
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